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When graceful sorrow in her pomp appears,
Sure she is dress'd in Meleinda's tears:
Your head reclin'd, as hiding grief from view,
Droops like a rose *surcharg'd* with morning dew. *Dryden.*

SURCHARGER. *n. f.* [from *surcharge*.] One that overburthens.

SURCINGLE. *n. f.* [from *surcingle*, Latin.]

1. A girth with which the burthen is bound upon a horse.
2. The girdle of a cassock.

Justly he chose the *surcingle* and gown. *Marvell.*

SURCLE. *n. f.* [from *surculus*, Latin.] A shoot; a twig; a sucker.
Not in general use.

It is an arborescent excrecence, or superplant, which the tree cannot assimilate, and therefore sprouteth not forth in boughs and *surcles* of the same shape unto the tree. *Brown.*

The basilica dividing into two branches below the cubit, the outward sendeth two *surcles* unto the thumb. *Brown.*

SURCOAT. *n. f.* [from *surcoat*, old French; *sur* and *coat*.] A short coat worn over the rest of the dress.

The honourable habiliments, as robes of state, parliament-robes, the *surcoat*, and mantle. *Camden.*

The commons were basted in excess of apparel, in wide *surcoats* reaching to their loins. *Camden.*

That day in equal arms they fought for fame;
Their swords, their shields, their *surcoats* were the same. *Dry.*

SURD. *adj.* [from *surdus*, Latin.]

1. Deaf; wanting the sense of hearing.
2. Unheard; not perceived by the ear.
3. Not expressed by any term.

SURE. *adj.* [from *seure*, French.]

1. Certain; infallible; infallible.
2. The testimony of the Lord is *sure*, and giveth wisdom unto the simple. *Psalms xix. 7.*

Who knows,
Let this be good, whether our angry foe
Can give it, or will ever? How he can,
Is doubtful; that he never will, is *sure*. *Milt. Parad. Lost.*

2. Certainly doomed.

Our coin beyond sea is valued according to the silver in it:
sending it in bullion is the safest way, and the weightiest is *sure* to go. *Locke.*

3. Confident; undoubting; certainly knowing.

Friar Laurence met them both;
Him he knew well, and guess'd that it was she;
But, being mask'd, he was not *sure* of it. *Shakespeare.*

Let no man seek what may befall;
Evil he may be *sure*. *Milton.*

The youngest in the morning are not *sure*
That 'till the night their life they can secure. *Denham.*

While *sure* of battle, while our wounds are green,
Why would we tempt the doubtful dye again?
In wars renew'd, uncertain of success,
Sure of a share, as umpires of the peace. *Dryden.*

If you find nothing new in the matter, I am *sure* much less will you in the file. *Wake.*

Be silent always, when you doubt your sense;
And speak, though *sure*, with seeming diffidence. *Pope.*

4. Safe; firm; certain; past doubt or danger.

Thy kingdom shall be *sure* unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. *Dan. iv. 26.*

He bad me make *sure* of the bear, before I sell his skin. *L'Estr.*

I hey would make others on both sides *sure* of pleasing, in preference to instruction. *Dryden's Duple.*

They have a nearer and *surer* way to the felicity of life, by tempering their passions, and reducing their appetites. *Temple.*

A peace cannot fail us, provided we make *sure* of Spain. *Temple.*

Revenge is now my joy; he's not for me,
And I'll make *sure* he ne'er shall be for thee. *Dryden.*

I bred you up to arms, rais'd you to power,
All to make *sure* the vengeance of this day,
Which even this day has ruin'd. *Dryd. Spanish Fryar.*

Make Cato *sure*, and give up Utica,
Cæsar will ne'er refuse thee such a trifle. *Addison's Cato.*

They have reason to make all actions worthy of observation, which are *sure* to be observed. *Atterbury.*

5. Firm; stable; not liable to failure.

Thou the garland wear'st successively;
Yet though thou stand'st more *sure* than I could do,
Thou art not firm enough. *Shakespeare. Henry IV.*

I with your horses swift and *sure* of foot,
And so I do commend you to their backs. *Shakespeare. Macbeth.*

Virtue, dear friend, needs no defence;
The *surest* guard is innocence. *Roscommon.*

Partition firm and *sure* the waters to divide. *Milton.*

Doubting thus of innate principles, men will call pulling up the old foundations of knowledge and certainty: I persuade myself that the way I have pursued, being conformable to truth, lays those foundations *surer*. *Locke.*

To prove a genuine birth,
On female truth attending faith relies:
This manifest of right, I build my claim,
Sure founded on a fair maternal fame. *Pope's Odyssey.*

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6. To be **SURE.** Certainly. This is a vicious expression: more properly *be sure*.

Objects of sense would then determine the views of all such, to be *sure*, who converted perpetually with them. *Atterbury.*

Though the chymist could not calcine the *caput mortuum*, to obtain its fixed salt, to be *sure* it must have some. *Atterbury.*

SURE. *adv.* [from *seure*, French.] Certainly; without doubt; doubtless. It is generally without emphasis; and, notwithstanding its original meaning, expresses rather doubt than assertion.

Something, *sure*, of state
Hath puddled his clear spirit. *Shakespeare.*

Her looks were flush'd, and fullen was her mien,
That *sure* the virgin goddess, had she been
Aught but a virgin, must the guilt have seen. *Addison.*

Sure the queen would with him still unknown;
She loaths, detests him, flies his hated presence.
Sure, upon the whole, a bad author deserves better usage than a bad critic. *Smith.*

SUREFOOTED. *adj.* [from *sure* and *foot*.] Treading firmly; not stumbling.

True earnest sorrows, rooted miseries,
Anguish in grain, vexations ripe and blown,
Surfeit griefs, solid calamities. *Herbert.*

SURELY. *adv.* [from *sure*.]

1. Certainly; undoubtedly; without doubt. It is often used rather to intend and strengthen the meaning of the sentence, than with any distinct and explicable meaning.

In the day that thou cat'st thereof thou shalt *surely* die. *Gen. ii. 17.*

Thou *surely* hadst not come sole fugitive.
He that created something out of nothing, *surely* can raise great things out of small. *Smith.*

The curious have thought the most minute affairs of Rome worth notice; and *surely* the consideration of their wealth is at least of as great importance as grammatical criticisms. *Abb.*

2. Firmly; without hazard.

He that walketh righteously, walketh *surely*.

SURENESS. *n. f.* [from *sure*.] Certainty.

He diverted himself with the speculation of the feed of coral; and for more *sureness* he repeats it. *Westward.*

SURETISHIP. *n. f.* [from *surety*.] The office of a surety or bondsman; the act of being bound for another.

Hath not the greatest slaughter of armies been effected by stratagem? And have not the fairest estates been destroyed by *suretiship*? *South.*

Idly, like prisoners, which whole months will swear
That only *suretiship* hath brought them there. *Denn.*

If here not clear'd, no *suretiship* can bail
Condemned debtors from th' eternal gaol. *Denn.*

SURETY. *n. f.* [from *surety*, French.]

1. Certainty; indubitableness.

There the princesses determining to bathe, thought it was so privileged a place as no body durst presume to come thither; yet, for the more *surety*, they looked round about. *Steele.*

Know of a *surety* that thy feed shall be a stranger. *Gen. xv.*

2. Foundation of stability; support.

We our late
Hold, as you your's, while our obedience holds;
On other *surety* none. *Milton.*

3. Evidence; ratification; confirmation.

She call'd the saints to *surety*,
That she would never put it from her finger,
Unless she gave it to yourself. *Shakespeare.*

4. Security against loss or damage; security for payment.

There remains unpaid
A hundred thousand more, in *surety* of the which
One part of Acquitain is bound to us. *Shakespeare.*

5. Hostage; bondsman; one that gives security for another; one that is bound for another.

That you may well perceive I have not wrong'd you,
One of the greatest in the Christian world
Shall be my *surety*. *Shakespeare. All's well that ends well.*

I will be *surety* for him; of my hand shalt thou require him. *Gen. xliii. 9.*

Yet be not *surety*, if thou be a father;
Love is a personal debt: I cannot give
My children's right, nor ought he take it. *Harriet.*

All, in infancy, are by others presented with the desires of the parents, and intercession of *sureties*, that they may be early admitted by baptism into the school of Christ. *Flam.*

SURFACE. *n. f.* [from *sur* and *face*, French.] Superficies; outside; superface. It is accented by *Ashton* on the last syllable.

Which of us who beholds the bright *surface*
Of this ethereal mold, whereon we stand.
All their *surfaces* shall be truly plain, or truly spherical, or even look all the same ways, so as together to compose one even *surface*. *Newton's Opt.*

Errors like straws upon the *surface* flow;
He who would search for pearls must dive below. *Dryden.*

To **SURFEIT.** *v. a.* [from *sur* and *face*, French, to do more than enough, to overdo.] To feed with meat or drink to satiety and sickness; to cram overmuch. *The*

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The *surfeited* grooms
Do mock their charge with snores. *Shakespeare.*

To **SURFEIT.** *v. n.* To be fed to satiety and sickness.

The commonwealth is sick of their own choice;
Their over-greedy love hath *surfeited*. *Shakespeare. Henry IV.*

They are as sick that *surfeit* with too much, as they that starve with nothing. *Shakespeare. Merchant of Venice.*

Take heed lest your hearts be overcharged with *surfeiting* and drunkenness. *Luke xxi. 34.*

Though some had so *surfeited* in the vineyards, and with the wines, that they had been left behind, the generosity of the Spaniards sent them all home. *Clarendon.*

They must be let loose to the childish play they fancy, which they should be weaned from, by being made to *surfeit* of it. *Locke.*

SURFEIT. *n. f.* [from the verb.] Sicknefs or satiety caused by overfulness.

When we are sick in fortune, often the *surfeits* of our own behaviour, we make guilty of our disasters the fun, the moon and stars. *Shakespeare. King Lear.*

How ill white hairs become a fool and jester!
I have long dream'd of such a kind of man,
So *surfeit* swell'd, so old, and so profane. *Shakespeare. H. IV.*

Now comes the sick hour that his *surfeit* made;
Now shall he try his friends that *surfeit* him. *Shak. R. II.*

Thou'st years upon thee, and thou art too full
Of the wars *surfeits* to go rove with one
That's yet unbruised. *Shakespeare. Coriolanus.*

Why, disease, dost thou molest
Ladies, and of them the best?
Do not men grow sick of rites,
To thy altars, by their nights
Spent in *surfeits*? *Ben. Jonson.*

Surfeits many times turn to purges, both upwards and downwards. *Bacon's Natural History.*

Peace, which he lov'd in life, did lend
Her hand to bring him to his end;
When age and death call'd for the score,
No *surfeits* were to reckon for. *Crashaw.*

Our father
Has t'en himself a *surfeit* of the world,
And cries, it is not safe that we should taste it. *Orway.*

SURFEITER. *n. f.* [from *surfeit*.] One who riots; a glutton.

I did not think
This am'rous *surfeiter* would have donn'd his helm
For such a petty war. *Shak. Ant. and Cleopatra.*

SURFEITWATER. *n. f.* [from *surfeit* and *water*.] Water that cures *surfeits*.

A little cold-distill'd poppywater, which is the true *surfeit-water*, with ease and abstinence, often ends distempers in the beginning. *Locke.*

SURGE. *n. f.* [from *surge*, Latin.] A swelling sea; wave rolling above the general surface of the water; billow; wave.

The realm was left, like a ship in a storm, amidst all the raging *surges*, unruled and undirected of any. *Spenser.*

The wind-shak'd *surge*, with high and monstrous main,
Seems to cast water on the burning bear,
And quench the guards of the ever-fired pole;
I never did like molestation view
On the enchaf'd flood. *Shakespeare. Othello.*

He trod the water,
Whose enmity he flung aside, and breast'd
The *surge* most swollen that met him. *Shakespeare. Tempest.*

It was formerly famous for the unfortunate loves of Hero and Leander, drowned in the uncompassionate *surges*. *Sandys.*

The sulph'rous hail
Shot after us in storm, o'erblown, hath laid
The fiery *surge*, that from the precipice
Of heav'n receiv'd us falling. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

He sweeps the skies, and clears the cloudy North:
He flies aloft, and with impetuous roar
Purges the foaming *surges* to the shore.
Thence, near Ilium's swelling flood,
With dread beheld the rolling *surges* sweep
In heaps his slaughter'd sons into the deep. *Pope.*

To **SURGE.** *v. n.* [from *surge*, Latin.] To swell; to rise high.

From midst of all the main
The *surging* waters like a mountain rise. *Fairy Queen.*

He, all in rage, his sea-god fire besought,
Some cur'd vengeance on his son to cast;
From *surging* gulfs two monsters straight were brought. *F. 2.*

Up from the bottom turn'd by furious winds
And *surging* waves, as mountains, to assault
Heav'n's height, and with the centre mix the pole. *Milton.*

Not with indented wave,
Prone on the ground, as since; but on his rear,
Circular base of rising tides, that tower'd
Fold above fold, a *surging* maze! *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

Surging waves against a solid rock,
Though all to thunders dash'd, th' assault renew,
Vain batt'ry, and in troth or bubbles end. *Milton.*

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SURGEON. *n. f.* [Corrupted by conversation from *chirurgion*.] One who cures by manual operation; one whose duty is to act in external maladies by the direction of the physician.

The wound was past the cure of a better *surgeon* than myself, so as I could but receive some few of her dying words. *Sid.*

I meddle with no woman's matters; but withal, I am a *surgeon* to old shoes. *Shakespeare. Julius Cæsar.*

He that hath wounded his neighbour, is tied to the expences of the *surgeon*, and other incidences. *Gay.*

Though most were sorely wounded, none were slain:
The *surgeons* soon despoil'd them of their arms,
And some with salves they cure. *Dryden.*

SURGEONRY. *n. f.* [for *chirurgery*.] The act of curing by manual operation.

It would seem very evil *surgery* to cut off every unfeared part of the body, which, being by other due means recovered, might afterwards do good service. *Spenser.*

But strangely viited people,
The mere despair of *surgery*, he cures. *Shakespeare. Macbeth.*

They are often tarr'd over with the *surgery* of our sheep, and would you have us kiss tar? *Shakespeare.*

SURGERY. *adj.* [from *surge*.] Rising in billows.

What cause hath led you to the Spartan court?
Do publick or domestick cares constrain
This toilsome voyage o'er the *surgy* main? *Pope.*

SURLY. *adv.* [from *surly*.] In a surly manner.

SURLINESS. *n. f.* [from *surly*.] Gloomy moroseness; four anger.

Thus pale they meet; their eyes with fury burn;
None greets; for none the greeting will return;
But in dumb *surlyness*, each arm'd with care,
His foe profess, as brother of the war. *Dryden.*

SURLING. *n. f.* [from *surly*.] A four morose fellow. Not used.

These four *surlings* are to be commended to sieur Gaulard. *Camden.*

SURLY. *adj.* [from *sur*, four, Saxon.] Gloomily morose; rough; uncivil; four; silently angry.

'Tis like you'll prove a jolly *surly* groom,
That take it on you at the first so roundly. *Shakespeare.*

That *surly* spirit, melancholy,
Had bak'd thy blood, and made it heavy thick,
Which else runs tickling up and down the veins,
Making that idiot laughter keep mens eyes,
And strain their cheeks to idle merriment. *Shakespeare. K. John.*

Against the Capitol I met a lion,
Who glar'd upon me, and went *surly* by,
Without annoying me. *Shakespeare. Julius Cæsar.*

Repuls'd by *surly* grooms, who wait before
The sleeping tyrant's interdicted door. *Dryden.*

What if among the courtly tribe
You lost a place, and sav'd a bribe?
And then in *surly* mood came here
To fifteen hundred pounds a year,
And fierce against the whigs harangue'd? *Swift.*

The zephyrs floating loose, the timely rains,
Now soften'd into joy the *surly* storms. *Thomson's Summer.*

To **SURMISE.** *v. a.* [from *surmise*, French.] To suspect; to imagine imperfectly; to imagine without certain knowledge.

Man coveteth what exceedeth the reach of sense, yea somewhat above capacity of reason, somewhat divine and heavenly, which with hidden exaltation it rather *surmiseth* than conceiveth; somewhat it seeketh, and what that is directly it knoweth not; yet very intensive desire thereof doth so incite it, that all other known delights and pleasures are laid aside, and they give place to the search of this but only suspected desire. *Hooker.*

Of questions and strifes of words cometh envy, railings, and evil *surmising*. *Tim. vi. 4.*

Surmise not
His preference to these narrow bounds confin'd.
It waited nearer yet, and then she knew
That what before she but *surmis'd*, was true. *Dryden.*

This change was not wrought by altering the form or position of the earth, as was *surmised* by a very learned man, but by dissolving it. *Woodward.*

SURMISE. *n. f.* [from *surmise*, French.] Imperfect notion; suspicion; imagination not supported by knowledge.

To let go private *surmises*, whereby the thing itself is not made better or worse; if just and allowable reasons might lead them to do as they did, then are these censures frustrate. *Heke.*

They were by law of that proud tyranness
Provok'd with wrath, and envy's false *surmise*,
Condemned to that dungeon mercilefs,
Where they should live in woe, and die in wretchedness. *F. 2.*

Aaron is gone; and my compassionate heart
Will not permit my eyes once to behold
The thing, whereat it trembles by *surmise*. *Shakespeare.*

My thought, whose murdering yet is but fantastical,
Shakes to my single state of man, that function
Is smother'd in *surmise*. *Shakespeare. Macbeth.*

We double honour gain
From his *surmise* prov'd false. *Milton.*

No